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SERIAL NO. : to be assigned

FOR : KOJI PRODUCED FROM SOYBEAN HYPOCOTYL,
PREPARATION METHOD THEREOF, AND SOY HYPOCOTYL
PRODUCTS PREPARED FROM SAID KOJI

EXAMINER : GROUP:

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 19 through 29 as shown in the attached Appendix.

Please amend claims 8 and 16 as marked up below, the amended version in the attached Appendix hereto:

-- 8 (Amended) The soybean hypocotyl koji produced by [any of] the method[s] of claim 1 [claims 1 to 7]. --

-- 16 (Amended) The fermented soy hypocotyl product prepared by [any of] the method[s] of claim 10 [claims 10 to 15].

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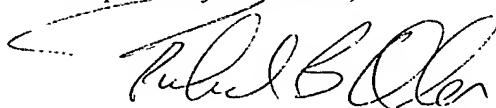
REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with the present Patent Application.

Claims 8 and 16 have been amended to correct the improper multiple dependency therein. New claims 19 through 29 now recite the other dependencies of original claims 8 and 16.

It is respectfully requested that the application should now proceed to prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



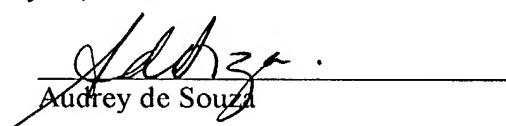
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APPENDIX

In the Claims:

19. The soybean hypocotyl koji produced by the method of claim 2.
20. The soybean hypocotyl koji produced by the method of claim 3.
21. The soybean hypocotyl koji produced by the method of claim 4.
22. The soybean hypocotyl koji produced by the method of claim 5.
23. The soybean hypocotyl koji produced by the method of claim 6.
24. The soybean hypocotyl koji produced by the method of claim 7.
25. The fermented soy hypocotyl product prepared by the method of claim 11.
26. The fermented soy hypocotyl product prepared by the method of claim 12.
27. The fermented soy hypocotyl product prepared by the method of claim 13.
28. The fermented soy hypocotyl product prepared by the method of claim 14.

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29. The fermented soy hypocotyl product prepared by the method
of claim 15.